Redefining Small Scale and Tiny Sectors

1381. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering re-defining the small scale and tiny industry sectors;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government want to reduce the number of units presently defined as small scale and tiny units;

(c) what are the reasons for this step;

(d) whether this is a retrograde step in terms of employment and nurturing of the small scale and tiny sectors; and

(e) if not, what are the objectives going in for a fresh definition of small scale and tiny industry sectors at this juncture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Number of SSI Units functioning

†1382. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the number of small scale units functioning in early nineties;

(b) if so, the number thereof together with the capital investment made therein;

(c) the percentage of sick units at that time;

(d) whether the percentage of sick units has increased in the end of the decade; and

(e) if so, the estimate of the percentage of these sick units togetherwith the total amount involved therein?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Total number of small scale units was estimated to be 20.82 lakhs till 1991-92. The information on number of functioning units is not maintained. The capital investment on Plant and Machinery till 1991-92 was estimated at Rs. 11691.64 crores.

(c) The percentage of sick units was 11.80 during 1991-92 as reported by the Reserve Bank of India. RBI data on sick SSI units, however, also includes traditional industries, such as, handloom, handicraft, KVI etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Coir Technology Park

1383. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been setting up Coir Technology Parks in Gujarat;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes for downtrodden in Khadi and Village Industries

1384. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes launched by Khadi and Village Industries Commission for providing self-employment to the handicapped, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, Backward and poor people living below the poverty line in the country particularly in the State of U.P.;

(b) if so, the details of families benefited under the schemes during the last three years in the country, district-wise/year-wise; and